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# MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD GAS SYSTEMS EXPANDED

With the completion of the gas main (named I. V. Stalin in 1949) from Saratov to Moscow on 15 August 1947, the capital has received vast amounts of high-quality cheap fuel from the Saratov gas deposit. In 1946-47 alone, over 56,000 apartments and numerous communal buildings and industrial enterprises were supplied with gas. (1) In 1949, trusts of the "Mosgazstroy" Administration connected 40,400 Moscow apartments to the city gas system. Approximately 50 kilometers of gas main were laid in 1949, and many kilometers of connecting pipes were laid to dwelling houses.

The 1950 plan called for the trusts of "Mosgazstroy" to lay 300 kilometers of gas main and to supply 40,000 apartments with gas.(2) As of 3 August 1950, "Mosgazstroy" had provided gas for 22,000 apartments.(3) On 21 February 1950, five of the 25 Moscow rayons -- Krasnogvardeyskiy, Kuybyshevskiy, Sverdlovskiy, Kominternovskiy, and Frunzenskiy -- and three-quarters of the apartments in Baumanskiy, Kalininskiy, Kirovskiy, Krasnopresnenskiy, and Sovetskiy rayons had been provided with gas.(4) By the end of 1950, eight rayons and all workers' settlements will be completely supplied with gas.(1)

In Leningrad, the number of subscribers to the city gas system is rapidly increasing and now reaches 115,000. The "Lengas" has laid 42 kilometers of gas mains since the beginning of 1950, and the gas system now measures 300 kilometers. Over 15,000 apartments have been supplied with gas this year, and 15,000 more (including 10,000 on Vasil'yevskiy Island) will be supplied with gas by the end of 1950. (5)

On 8 July 1950, the Frunzenskiy and Kuybyshev rayons of Leningrad were almost entirely supplied with gas. Work on the gas systems of Dzerzhinskiy and Oktyabr'skiy rayons will be completed shortly. The gas systems of Lenin-skiy, Moskovskiy and Smol'ninskiy rayons are being expanded. Public buildings and industrial enterprises are being provided with gas, as are living quarters. Already, five bakeries, nine bath and laundry buildings, and 30 medical clinics have been supplied with gas. (6)

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This year, a gas siphon 300 meters long is being laid across the Bol'shaya Neva River to supply gas to Vasil'yevskiy Island and another across the Malaya Neva to supply the Petrograd side.(7)

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